

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 74

February 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to perform random drug tests on students who participate in extracurricular activities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$285,000

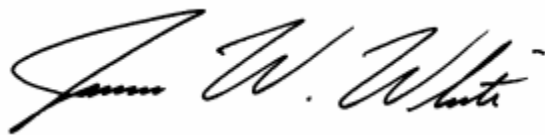
Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$250,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education (DOE) and the Comptroller, all extracurricular activities will be included, not just athletics.
- It is unknown how many LEAs will participate in random drug testing.
- Participating students in grades six through 12 will be subject to the random tests.
- It is unknown how many children participate in all extracurricular activities. In 2007, there were approximately 464,500 students enrolled in grades six through twelve.
- It is estimated that 50 percent of those students (232,250) participated in extracurricular activities and approximately five percent (11,613) will be randomly tested at an average cost of \$25 per test. Estimated increase in local expenditures will be \$290,325 (11,613 students x \$25).
- Tenn. Code Ann. §49-6-4213 requires the DOE to conduct student assistance programs in LEAs conducting random drug tests. The minimum average cost to the DOE for one such program is approximately \$47,500. If two school districts per grand division authorize such testing, the increase in state expenditures will be approximately \$285,000 (\$47,500 x 6).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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